

THE OLD DOMINION.

The Political Pot Boiling—A View of the Lily Whites—The Religious and Social News—Personal Mention.

Richmond, Va. (Special).—Politics rule the day and night here for the present. Registration under the new constitution is going on from noon until 9 o'clock at night, and while there is an unusual apathy in political circles, black and white, the political leaders are doing their best to make their party friends register. So indifferent has been the action of the white voters that the Democratic State Chairman, Taylor Ellison, chief layman among the Baptists in the State, has been forced to assemble the State Democratic Committee and to put canvassers in the field to persuade white men to come out and register.

The Negro Republicans, under the auspices of an organization of their own, known as the Negro Industrial and Agricultural Society of Virginia, are doing all that they can to get the Negroes' names upon the registration books. We hear that in this they are receiving no assistance from their white Republican "friends" nor from the Republican State organization. In fact, it seems that the white Republicans rather enjoy the condition in which the Negroes find themselves. If indications count for much, when the registration shall have closed, the Negroes of Virginia will have shared the fate of the other Negroes of the South, and will be wiped from the political map of the State.

The "Lily White" movement is springing up, and while the Negro is saying but little, and while his eyes are shut, he is not sleeping, and in the very near future there is going to be a terrific struggle for Republican leadership as between the "Lily Whites" and their opponents.

Congressional candidates are being put up in every district. The 1st, 3d, 5th, 8th, 9th and 10th have put their candidates in the field, and some kind of a campaign is being made, but it is very lame and lacks the fire and vigor of the old-time campaign, when the men who were running were really in earnest and not simply leading a forlorn hope.

After November 4th, each defeated candidate will be in Washington telling the President why he was not elected and how nobly he "fit, bled and died," and asking to be made "It."

In the surrounding country, the "big meeting" season is at its height. Chickens have taken to the woods, and the shoat lays down at night, not knowing what may happen to him in the morning. Troubled are his dreams, and uncertain are his hours, for "traced meeting" without shoat is like an egg without salt. In the town circles, the good sisters and brethren welcome with unusual delight the opening of the theater doors, and can be nightly seen making their way to the "Jim Crow" gallery. It used to be a rule a long time ago not to allow Christians to attend such unholy places, but if that rule was enforced to-day, under the light and progress of the twentieth century, the church member census would be most materially lessened. Concerts, tableaux and mock marriages form the principal bills for our church theatricals. They are not now engaged in saving souls, but they are amusing souls by making them laugh, and with filling them with cream, with a general admission of 10 cents.

For four nights last week the Colonial Club gave a select bazaar at Price's hall. It was largely patronized and enjoyed by the "smart set," who find happiness in the entrancing dance.

The Thebans, the youngest of our male society folk, entertained their friends Monday and Tuesday nights at what is known as a "Subscription Dance." Mr. Jas. O. West, chairman of the committee of arrangements, displayed great tact in handling the crowd both nights.

Miss Florence B. Dawson was married October 1st to Mr. Maurice Barrett, mail carrier in Manchester. After a trip of ten days, they will be at home, 724 N. 3d street.

Miss Mary Williams will be mar-

ried October 8th to Mr. Thomas Taylor, son of President Taylor, of the True Reformers.

Misses Clara S. Kersey and Zenobia Oliver left last week to resume their studies at Howard University.

Mr. Manly S. Taylor left Tuesday for Shaw University, where he expects to spend four years of hard study for an "M. D."

Miss Bessie G. Taylor arrived in the city last Monday, after a stay of nearly three months in New York.

NOTES AND OPINIONS.

Too many of our preachers play to a certain part of their congregations purposely, for a material advantage. While deeply absorbed in their subjects, it is their wont to tape illustrations by quoting the name of Sister Ann, or sister somebody else, when the sole object in view is a big square meal.

Some statesmen might well envy the



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It is not the part of a gentleman to run down and make game of anybody's personal appearance, and especially those of women. All of us have, more or less, some human deformity, and those who have the full share are certainly worthy of extreme sympathy, rather than ridicule. If a girl has a character that is as brilliant as the dew-drops of the morning, and if she live a life as pure as the lilies of the valley, though her face may be homely and her hair not long, yet she may get a good husband, have a host of loving friends, and be a sacred model in the motherhood of mankind. On the other hand, if she lurk in unspeakable places and her life be one long, low song of vice, her deeds will be naught in the calculation of human goodness, though the God of Beauty dip his brush in the sunset seas and paint her the color of gold. E. H.

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